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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT GEORGETOWN 0334, SENT SECSTATE, INFO PORT  
OF SPAIN, BRIDGETOWN, KINGSTON, CARACAS 17 FEB 76:

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TAGS: PFOR, PINS, MOPS, CU, AO, TD

SUBJECT: CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 0376

1. THE QUESTION OF RACIAL COMPOSITION OF CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE  
IN ANGOLA WHICH WAS RAISED BY PRIME MINISTER  
ERIC WILLIAMS AS REPORTED REFTEL HAS COME UP FREQUENTLY IN MY  
CONVERSATIONS WITH GUYANA FONMIN FRED WILLS. FORMER GUYANESE HIGH  
COMMISSION IN ZAMBIA, WILLS HAS INDEPENDENT SOURCES OF INFORMATION  
ON WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN ANGOLA. ONE OF HIS CONSTANT THEMES  
INDISCUSSING CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA HAS BEEN THE ASSERTION THAT  
THE CUBAN TROOPS FIGHTING THERE ARE AT LEAST 90 PERCENT BLACK.

2. IN LONG DISCUSSION I HAD WITH HIM ON A NUMBER OF TOPICS FEB  
16, WILLS REPEATED THIS ASSERTION AND SAID THAT

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THE PREDOMINATELY BLACK MAKE UP OF THE CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE HAD

ON THE ONE HAND MADE A POWERFULLY POSITIVE IMPRESSION ON MOST  
GUYANESE AND AFRICANS, INCLUDING ESPECIALLY POLITICAL LEADERS IN  
HIS OWN PARTY. ON THE OTHER HAND, AS HE REMARKED AGAIN YESTERDAY,  
CASTRO WOULD NEVER HAVE DARED TO SEND A EXPEDITIONARY FORCE  
COMPOSED PREDOMINATELY OF WHITES SINCE, AS WILLS PUT IT,  
QUOTE ANY SUBSTANTIAL WHITE CUBAN CASUALTIES WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE  
TO CUBAN PEOPLE UNQUOTE. KREBS UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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